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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Gruber, et al.  
Serial No.: 09/845,064  
Filed: April 27, 2001  
Entitled: "Clean Synthetic Vectors, Plasmids,  
Transgenic Plants and Plant Parts  
Containing Them, and Methods for  
Obtaining Them"

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**


Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for an Extension of Time of Four months to file a Response in the above-identified patent application. This will serve to extend the time for filing the Response to the Notice to File Missing Parts mailed June 18, 2001, from August 18, 2001, up to and including December 18, 2001.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, enclosed is the requisite extension fee of \$720.00 for maintaining the pendency of the present application. The Assistant Commissioner of Patents is hereby authorized to change any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16-0085, Reference No. 18433/2002. A duplicate of this letter is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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